GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of each hotel project under construction in the country;

(b) whether there is shortage of accommodation for tourist in various cities in the country including Eastern States; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to complete the Hotel projects under construction within the prescribed time-frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The construction of hotels is a private sector activity. The Government of India, Department of Tourism only gives approval at the project stage to those who approach it.

(b): Subsequent to the various international events such as the 9/11 attack on W.T.C., the Iraq War, etc., the hotel industry has been facing low occupancy. However, due to the seasonal nature of tourism, there may be shortages of hotel rooms at some places during peak season.

(c): Does not arise.